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kind, and if they ignore both that is the end of the paper.

Some time ago a clerk in the Buffalo postoffice wanted to send to a friend in Montana an unclaimed newspaper that was "dead" in his office. So, instead of throwing the paper away or placing a stamp on it, he simply wrote his friend's name and address on it and tossed it into a mail bag. A postoffice inspector happened to witness the incident and the clerk was dismissed. He saved a penny, but lost his position.

The waste pile is not made up entirely of unclaimed newspapers. Postmasters are required to add it to "dead" articles of the third class that are of no "obvious value." This calls for the use of some judgment on the part of the postmaster to determine what is of obvious value. Under a special ruling of the department this term is held to embrace such articles as sheet music, pictures, engravings, books and pamphlets likely to be of special use or value to the addressee.

An astonishingly large amount of "R. M. S." slips and "R. P. E." scraps accumulates in a good-sized office in the course of a day. R. M. S. slips are the strips of paper that are placed about packages of letters as they are "made up" by the railway mail clerks on trains for various cities. If a number of registered articles are mailed at Washington for delivery in Brooklyn, for instance, they are bundled into a large envelope of heavy, thick paper. These coverings are called "R. P. E.'s," or registered package envelopes. The twine that is used to bind the bundles of letters is religiously saved in the various offices, and goes to help swell the pile of waste paper that is regularly disposed of.

The Postoffice Department is not the only branch of the government that practices this form of economy. In the basement of the Treasury Department sit two women, side by side, who spend the entire day going through the contents of the departmental waste baskets. They are searching for stray bonds, checks and bills that may, through some mistake, have fallen into the baskets. They keep up this work from one week to the other, and have been so engaged for a number of years. Not a scrap of paper is permitted to be carried out of the Treasury Department until it has passed the censorship of the official examiners of waste baskets. There is a rule in the service that no envelope, letter or slip of paper shall be thrown into a waste basket until it has been torn or otherwise mutilated. This disfigurement is a sign to the examiners that the paper was intentionally deposited in the baskets. Consequently a sharp outlook is maintained by the two females on official looking papers. It frequently happens that a gust of wind will carry a bond or a check from an official's desk and whisk it into his scrap basket. It is almost as safe there as though it reposed under lock and key, for the chances are ten to one in favor of one of the argus-eyed watchers rescuing it. The employment of the women has proved an excellent investment, for they have saved to the government the amount of their annual salaries a hundred times over. A year or so ago one of them fished up a \$10,000 United States coupon bond. Their long years of service have made them wonder-

fully expert and rapid, they finger the important looking envelopes and papers, and determining whether or not they are of value. Not long since a division chief had occasion to dispose of a bundle of papers that had outlived their usefulness in the files. He dropped them into the waste basket. The next morning he was puzzled to find the packet on his desk. Again he tossed it into the waste receptacle, but was more nonplussed than ever the following morning to run across it carefully filed among the documents on his desk. Inquiry developed the fact that the faithful examiners in the basement below had on each occasion discovered the papers, and believing them to be of value restored them to the bureau chief's desk. The latter was forced to break open the bundle and tear each paper in half before being able permanently to get rid of them.

As they examine the contents of each basket the inspectors carefully separate and assort the various grades of paper. The bond sheets go into one receptacle, the manila into another and the twine and sealing wax into still another. Eventually the entire lot is sold to the manufacturers of card board, white and brown paper. The receipts from the sales are several thousand dollars a year.

Even closer watch is maintained on another class of government scrap paper. In a little mill up in Pittsfield, Mass., all the paper is manufactured that the United States uses in the printing of Treasury and National bank notes, silver certificates, and in fact bonds and paper money of all kinds. The paper is of a peculiar texture, with tiny silk threads running through it. No one else is permitted to manufacture paper of that particular character. Every sheet that is turned out at the Pittsfield mill must be accounted for, and government agents are on the ground to see that none of it goes astray. The same strict watch is kept on all the torn and mutilated sheets.

The most valuable pile of scraps that has accumulated anywhere in the world is in the basement of the Treasury Department. At the end of every day a strong, powerful negro will have scraped together a lot of debris which earlier in the morning represented a million dollars or more. This is the redemption division of the Treasury, where all the worn out bills, Treasury certificates and National bank notes are destroyed and new ones issued in their stead. Before after bundle of these bills is placed under the keen edge of a huge knife, while a six-foot negro brings down the blade and at each stroke reduces a \$5,000 or \$10,000 package to a mass of tattered papers worth a fraction of a penny.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—The Chicago Orchestra Association will bring from aboard one of the most distinguished conductors in the world, probably Felix Mottl, to succeed Theodore Thomas. This announcement was made yesterday. Bryan Lathrop, a member of the Board of Directors of the association addressed the members of the orchestra at the rehearsal yesterday.

"While it is our intention to retain Mr. Stock for the present," said Mr. Lathrop, "the great masters of Europe will be taken into consideration in the near future and one of their number will be induced to come to Chicago to take up the baton death compelled Mr. Thomas to lay down."

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Harper's Weekly.]

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weeping mourners and their overpowering sense of sin.

It is said that at many of the factories in South Wales the hands have stopped work to hold prayer meetings, and the owners complain that they are in consequence put to serious loss. At one of the large tin-plate factories, when the horn sounded the other morning, the men all dropped their tools, and for three-quarters of an hour they held a prayer meeting, while the machinery stood still. They prayed for the manager's soul but he replied that he preferred their work to their prayers.

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